



On February 17, 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Obama. ARRA provides increased support to several existing federal programs administered by states, creates new programs such as the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund, and offers opportunities for states to apply for competitive grant programs.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act's significant investment in North Carolina totaled almost \$19.5 billion, including assistance for those needing help the most through increases in unemployment benefits, Medicaid payments, and food stamps. In addition to those expanded services, ARRA gives hundreds of thousands of working North Carolinians a break through tax credits like the *Making Work Pay* tax credit and the *First Time Homebuyer's* tax credit.

The Recovery Act is not like earlier attempts to revive the nation's economy. It is not only a one-time infusion of federal funds; instead it is a long-term effort to restore economic expansion in the short-term, as well as prepare the nation's economy for stable, healthy long-term growth. Under the terms of the Recovery Act, support for North Carolina's economy will include both investments made directly by the federal government and investments of federal funds that are made under the oversight of the North Carolina state government.

## American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Report, Duplin County

Duplin County received more than \$66 million in ARRA funding in grants, loans, and bonds. The following report outlines the various funding categories that contributed to the Duplin County total.



**Pell Grants Awards:**  
**882**



**Small Business Jobs:**  
**15**

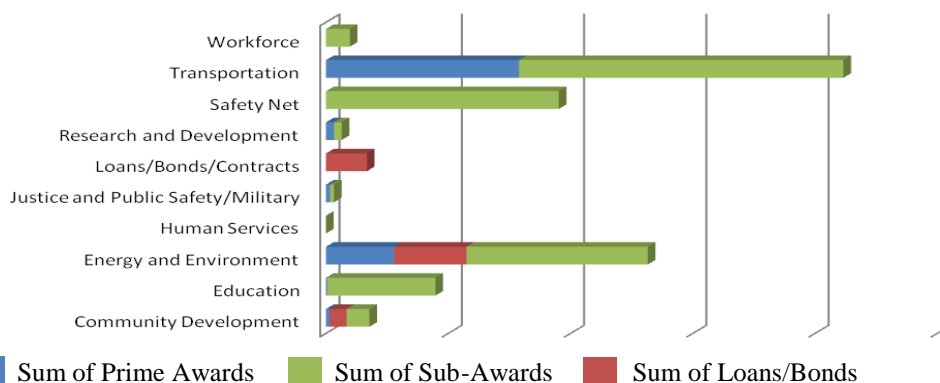


**Appliances rebated:**  
**85**



**Family homes financed:**  
**23**

### Duplin County Totals



**Duplin County,**  
pop 49,063 at a glance:

**Recovery Act Totals:**  
Grants: \$ 55,959,056.18  
Loans: \$ 10,649,655

**Total: \$66,608,721.18**



## Education

The Recovery Act placed a special emphasis on maintaining education funding. Governor Beverly Perdue furthered this commitment by pledging additional recovery funds from the Recovery Act to education, and leading North Carolina to additional funds by winning \$400 million in the Race to the Top program.

Most of the ARRA education funds are distributed to local schools through existing funding formulas. Special Education Funds and Title I funds go to schools based on eligible student enrollment. State Fiscal Stabilization Funds (SFSF) and the EduJobs grants were designed to hold schools harmless during the recession, and were distributed to public and charter schools. The school systems have spent the majority of the funds on staff and support. Some projects, such as Race to the Top, will be spent for purchasing products and services rather than salaries for staff.

Authorization for low/no interest bonds for school construction/renovation followed the Department of Public Instruction procedures with initial allotments to the school systems. If a school system could not utilize their allotment, it was released to other school systems that could utilize additional allotments.

**Duplin County schools** received \$11.8 million in education funding, including \$2 million in Special Education funds, \$2 million in Title I funds, \$5 million in SFSF funds, \$1.3 million in Race to the Top funding.

Pell Grants are an educational Assistance Program that provides grants to eligible students to receive post-secondary or vocational training. Because Pell Grants are not student loans, they allow students to receive financial assistance to further education and training without incurring additional debt. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act increased the eligibility and the maximum amount of Pell Grants in 2009 and 2010 as a way to encourage educational opportunities, and to provide a way for eligible applicants to gain new job skills.

**In Duplin County**, James Sprunt Community College had 882 students funded by Pell Grants; these grants were worth more than \$1.2 million.



## Family Assistance

The Federal Department of Agriculture increased funding to their Single-Family home program with the ARRA. These resources assisted families in achieving the American Dream of home ownership through direct financial assistance (grants) or credit (loan guarantees). This program pumped more than \$729 million into North Carolina, providing assistance to more than 5,400 families.

**In Duplin County**, 23 families received assistance through this program totaling more than \$2.3 million.

The Department of Energy created the Energy Star Appliance rebate program to help stimulate the economy by incentivizing the purchase of new, more energy efficient appliances, and helping consumers by providing long-term savings from their utility bills. The State Energy Office in the North Carolina Department of Commerce managed the program insuring North Carolina residents and retailers received the maximum benefit from this opportunity. North

Carolina retailers sold more than 25,500 new energy efficiency appliances through this program, and North Carolina residents will enjoy energy savings for years to come. The program was so successful, that the State Energy Office reprogrammed additional funding to provide discounts to everyone participating in the program, bringing the total program value from \$8 up to \$10 Million.

**Duplin County** retailers sold 85 appliances through the Energy Star Appliance rebate program.



## Small Business Assistance

The ARRA provided tax breaks, increased depreciation of business assets, and incentives for hiring for small businesses through the tax law changes found in Part B of the Act. The Recovery Act also established direct aid programs through the federal Small Business Administration (SBA) and US Department of Agriculture (USDA). These programs provided grants, loans and loan guarantees to grant small businesses access to much-needed operational credit during 2009 and 2010.

**In Duplin County** 3 small businesses received SBA loan guarantees worth almost \$1 million. According to the small businesses receiving these loans, the Recovery Act saved or created 15 jobs.



## Farm Assistance

The Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) Program is administered by the Farm Services Administration in the federal Department of Agriculture, which provides assistance to farmers suffering crop losses due to natural disasters. To qualify for the program a farm must have lost at least 10% of one crop during a natural disaster in a declared disaster county, or lost 50% of a crop during a disaster in a non-disaster county. North Carolina farmers received more than \$9 million in total payments under the ARRA-Funded SURE Program.

**In Duplin County,** \$571,112 was received in assistance to farmers because of crop loss to natural disasters.



## CARS Program

The Car Allowance Rebate Program (CARS), more widely known as the 'Cash-for-Clunkers' program, provided an incentive for drivers of older, energy inefficient vehicles to upgrade to new cars. This program also provided a large economic impact in North Carolina, and North Carolina dealers received more than 18,000 trade-in vehicles through this program. North Carolina Car Dealers sold more than \$400,000,000 worth of new cars (recommended MSRP) through the CARS program. North Carolina drivers will save 172,130 miles per gallon through cars purchased through this program.

**In Duplin County,** car dealers sold 9 cars worth \$200,000 through the ARRA CARS program.



## Justice and Public Safety Programs

ARRA increased funding to the federal Byrne Justice Assistance Grants Program (JAG). JAG funds were awarded both as a formula allocation to the State, for \$34.5 million, and grants distributed by the Governor's Crime Commission to various local governments and entities. In addition, \$21,853,798 went to 216 local governments across the state for various purposes in line with the requirements of the act. Finally, there is a federal competitive portion that was open to state or local government applicants.

**In Duplin County,** the Duplin County Government received a competitive federal JAG award for \$70,000.

The COPS (Community Oriented Policing Services) awards grants to law enforcement agencies to hire and train community policing professionals, acquire and deploy cutting-edge crime-fighting technologies, and develop and test innovative policing strategies. COPS funding also provides training and technical assistance to community members and local government leaders and all levels of law. In order to help leverage the efficiency of these programs Governor Perdue set aside additional funding to help pay for uniforms and equipment for local governments who have new COPS funded positions.

**In Duplin County,** the Town of Warsaw and the Town of Wallace had one officer each funded through COPS Grants, and received additional support from the Governor's Crime Commission for equipment for the new officers.



## Environment and Natural Resources Programs

ARRA funded several programs to protect the environment, or to develop natural resources more efficiently. These programs ranged from environmental clean-up, such as leaking underground storage tank abatement and Brownfields programs, to EPA clean air grants, wildfire prevention grants, and revolving funds to build, expand, or overhaul existing water and sewer programs. These programs provided nearly \$150 million across North Carolina.

**In Duplin County,** the Duplin County Government, the Town of Rose Hill, and the Town of Warsaw received water and sewer grant for more than \$3 million. Additionally, the federal Department of Agriculture, through the Rural Utility Services provided grants to the Duplin County Government, the Town of Beulaville, the Town of Rose Hill, and the Town of Warsaw worth more than \$10 million.



## Safety Net Programs

Safety net programs are the category of ARRA funding that consists of programs designed to help populations made particularly vulnerable by the economic crisis. These generally include increases in existing programs, most notably the increase in both benefit level and duration of unemployment payments. Increases in the amount and duration of unemployment payments makes up the largest chunk of safety net programs funded through the Recovery Act, totaling more than \$3.5 billion statewide over more than two years. Safety net programs such as unemployment insurance and SNAP (formerly known as Food Stamps), not only benefit the recipient, but have a proven economic impact on a community.

**Duplin County** residents received more than \$12.6 million in Unemployment Insurance increases during the 2 ½ year ARRA benefits increase. County residents also received \$4 million in SNAP benefit increases, and \$2.5 million in one-time payments of \$250 to social security recipients.

**Duplin** County received more than \$85,000 for Head Start Programs.

## Duplin County Feature Story

### Duplin County funds Public Safety with Recovery Opportunities

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act increased funding to the federal Department of Agriculture's Community Facilities program. The Community Programs provide loans, grants, and loan guarantees for a variety of community selected high-impact projects, such as water and environmental projects as well as community facilities projects. Community facilities projects develop essential community facilities for public use in rural areas and may include hospitals, fire protection, safety, as well as many other community-based initiatives.



Several communities in North Carolina took advantage of the opportunity presented in the ARRA-funded Community Facilities Program to renovate or build new fire stations. The Town of Calypso in Duplin County was one such community. The Calypso Volunteer Fire Department was founded in 1953, and has six operating fire trucks and 33 male and female volunteers. The Volunteer Fire Department serves the town of Calypso and surrounding rural communities including the Case Farms feed mill.

The Calypso Volunteer Fire Department received \$212,000 in grants and loans through the Community Facilities program to renovate and make additions to the fire station. The renovations include improvements to the facade of the building, painting and maintenance, and improvements to the restrooms, to bring them in line with the Americans With Disabilities Act, and improvements to the department's training facilities.

The Community Facilities program also allowed the Calypso Fire Station to expand. The firehouse recently added 2,200 square feet to its facility, including meeting rooms, offices, kitchen area, and a day room.

These improvements created work for a local Wayne County contractor, and will serve the people of the Town of Calypso and Duplin County for years to come.





## Appendix, Duplin County breakout

Federal Agency	Program Title	Recipient name	Recipient role <sup>i</sup>	Prime Amount <sup>ii</sup>	Unique Sub Awards <sup>iii</sup>	Loans	Additional Economic Activity (not counted toward totals) <sup>iv</sup>
	Bonds		P			\$0.00	
	Cash for Clunkers		S		\$37,500.00		
	Federal Pell Grant Program	James Sprunt Community College	P				
	Very Low to Moderate Income Housing Loans - Guaranteed	Individuals	L			\$2,403,165.00	
<b>Administration for Children and Families</b>	ARRA - Head Start	Duplin County Board Of Education	P	\$86,417.00		\$0.00	\$86,417.00
<b>Administration on Aging</b>	Aging Congregate Nutrition Services for States	Duplin County Services For Aged	SV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	Aging Home-Delivered Nutrition Services for States	Duplin County Services For Aged	SV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
<b>Department of Agriculture</b>	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	Multiple Individuals	S		\$3,960,969.56		
<b>Department of Justice</b>	Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Grants	Wallace, Town Of	P	\$124,578.00		\$0.00	\$124,578.00
		Warsaw, Town Of	P	\$126,175.00		\$0.00	\$126,175.00
	Recovery Act - Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program / Grants To Units Of Local Government	Duplin, County of	P	\$71,631.00		\$0.00	\$71,631.00
	Recovery Act - Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program/ Grants to States and Territories	Wallace, Town Of	S	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	
		Warsaw, Town Of	S	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	
<b>Department of</b>	Unemployment	Multiple	S		\$12,612,109.21		

<b>Labor</b>	Insurance	Individuals					
<b>Environmental Protection Agency</b>	Capitalization Grants for Drinking Water State Revolving Funds	Duplin, County of	S	\$0.00	\$929,000.00	\$0.00	
		Rose Hill, Town Of	S	\$0.00	\$541,569.00	\$0.00	
		Warsaw, Town Of	S	\$0.00	\$1,815,000.00	\$0.00	
<b>Federal Highway Administration</b>	Highway Planning and Construction	Barnhill Contracting Company	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$10,587,573.21
		North Carolina Department Of Transportation	P	\$13,541,125.00		\$0.00	\$13,541,125.00
				\$2,238,256.00		\$0.00	\$2,238,256.00
		Rose Brothers Paving Co., Inc.	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Federal Transit Administration</b>	Formula Grants for Other Than Urbanized Areas	Duplin, County of	S	\$0.00	\$163,900.00	\$0.00	
<b>Food and Nutrition Service</b>	Child Nutrition Discretionary Grants Limited Availability	Duplin County Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$25,852.62	\$0.00	
<b>Health Resources and Services Administration</b>	ARRA - Grants to Health Center Programs	Goshen Medical Center, Inc.	P	\$636,876.00		\$0.00	\$636,876.00
<b>Idaho Operations Office</b>	Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program (EEARP)		P		\$17,689.08	\$0.00	
<b>Office of Elementary and Secondary Education</b>	Education for Homeless Children and Youth, Recovery Act	Duplin County Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$28,899.00	\$0.00	
	Education Technology State Grants, Recovery Act	Duplin County Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$50,375.00	\$0.00	
	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) - Education State Grants, Recovery Act	Duplin County Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$4,947,900.00	\$0.00	
		James Sprunt Community College	S	\$0.00	\$319,061.71	\$0.00	
	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) - Race-to-the-Top Incentive Grants, Recovery Act	Duplin County Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$1,331,746.00	\$0.00	
	Title I Grants to	Duplin County	S	\$0.00	\$1,991,528.00	\$0.00	



	Local Educational Agencies, Recovery Act	Board Of Education					
<b>Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services</b>	Special Education - Preschool Grants, Recovery Act	Duplin County Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$76,608.00	\$0.00	
	Special Education Grants to States, Recovery Act	Duplin County Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$1,948,541.00	\$0.00	
<b>Rural Housing Service</b>	Community Facilities Loans and Grants	Blankenship Associates	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$13,050.00
		Brewer Company True Value	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$3,663.53
		Calypso Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.	P	\$105,000.00		\$0.00	\$105,000.00
				\$0.00		\$107,500.00	\$107,500.00
		Carolina East Home Care & Hospice, Inc	P	\$150,000.00		\$0.00	\$150,000.00
				\$0.00		\$1,271,000.00	\$1,271,000.00
		Faison, Town Of	P	\$45,000.00		\$0.00	\$45,000.00
		G & G Builders	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$47,561.86
		G & G Buildersn Of Wendell, Nc	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$107,500.00
		Johnson & Lambe Company	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$2,084.96
		Lee Chemical	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$6,668.03
		Restaurant Source	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$73.71
		Southeastern Equiment & Supply	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$2,982.84
		US Fitness	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$9,372.84
<b>Rural Utilities Service</b>	Water and Waste Disposal Systems for Rural Communities - ARRA	Beulaville, Town Of	P	\$0.00		\$2,304,000.00	\$2,304,000.00
				\$2,295,000.00		\$0.00	\$2,295,000.00
		Duplin, County of	P	\$936,000.00		\$0.00	\$936,000.00
				\$0.00		\$646,000.00	\$646,000.00
		Rose Hill, Town Of	P	\$0.00		\$1,585,000.00	\$1,585,000.00
				\$1,736,000.00		\$0.00	\$1,736,000.00
		Warsaw, Town Of	P	\$0.00		\$1,394,000.00	\$1,394,000.00
				\$593,000.00		\$0.00	\$593,000.00
<b>Small Business Administration</b>	Loans	Beauty Family Store, Inc.	L			\$5,000.00	

		Duplin Trading Company Of Wars	L		\$929,000.00				
		Magnolia Market Place	L		\$5,000.00				
SSA	Social Security Economic Recovery Act Payments	Multiple Individuals	P		\$2,467,750.00				
Grand Total					\$22,685,058.00	\$33,273,998.18	\$10,649,665.00	\$40,773,088.98	

<sup>i</sup> Recipient Role are as follows: P is a prime recipient; S is a Sub-recipient; PV is a vendor to a prime recipient; SV is a vendor to a sub-recipient; L is a loan recipient.

<sup>ii</sup> Prime Amounts are unique prime awards within a county. These are entities who have received funding directly from a federal agency, and are required to report directly to [www.federalreporting.gov](http://www.federalreporting.gov)

<sup>iii</sup> Unique Sub Awards are amounts that flow into a county from a source that is NOT directly from a Federal Agency. Generally these are funds awarded to the North Carolina State Government that have been directed to a local source.

<sup>iv</sup> Additional Economic Activity are economic activity attributable to a previous funding category. They may be a sub award by a prime recipient within a county, or a contract funded by one of the previous three columns. This economic activity is not counted toward the county total.